वाणिज्य तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर) :(क) 1985–86 वर्ष के दौरान गेहूं का कोई आयात नहीं किया गया था। तथापि, वर्ष के दौरान 433.07 करोड़ रुपये के लागत बीमा भाड़ा मूल्य की लगभग 19.49 लाख मीटरी टन चीनी की मात्रा आयात की गई थी।

(ख) देश में खाद्य तेलों की कुल मांग और देशी उत्पादन में अन्तर पैदा हुआ है जिसे आयात द्वारा पूरा किया जाता है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आयात किए गए खाद्य तेलों और चीनी की मात्रा आवश्यकताओं पर निर्भर करते हुए भिन्न-भिन्न रही है।

Charging of Commission on bank draft etc by Banks

*H2. Shri K.L.N. PRASAD : Will tbe Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether tlie Reserve Bank of India issued has any directive in the recent past to the nationalised banks making it compulsory for them to charge commission on bank drafts, telephonic transfers, bills and other services provided to the customers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what was tlie practice prevailing prior to the issue of the aobve directive by there Reserve Bank of India;

(c) what is tbe revenue expected by the banks on this account and what was the annual revenue from these services earlier ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has not issued any directive to the public sector banks in regard to tbe schedule of charges levied by them for the various services rendered by them to custmors. However all the public sector banks havi 1 adopted one revised schedule of service charges on the lines adopttd by the State Bank of India.

The revision in the service charges was considered necessary by banks to enable them to recover to some ex-ent the cost of rendering these services to customers. The revised schedule based on the finding of *he studies has been undertaken by the Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

Prior to the decision ofthe banks to adopt uniform schedule of service charges, these varied from bank to bank.

The revised schedule has been adopted by the banks only rea *n*-tly. It is yet premature to estimate the likely receipt of revenue by banks on this account.

Production of sugar during 1985-86

* 113. SHRIVIRENDRA VERMA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to • state:

(a) what is the quantity of suga! produced during the current season upto 31st March, 1986 and how does it compare with the production during the corresponding period in the previous year; and

(b) what are the Statewise details ofthe sugarcane dues to the cane growers during the current season upto 31 st March 1986 ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLI ES (SHRI P. SHIVSHANKER): (a) Production of sugar during the current 1985-86 season upto 31st March has reach ed the level of 59.62 lakh io mesas against 53.37 lakh tonnes on the same date in he previous year,

(b) The State-wise details of sugarcane price dues to the cane growers during the current season upto 31-3-1986, are given in the statement laid on the Table ofthe Sabha.